

PILGRIMAGE TOUR

TO ITALY & GREECE - IN THE FOOT STEPS OF ST. PAUL

Under Spiritual Guidance of Fr. Joseph Lazar, Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Bolton, ON

September 16 - 29, 2019 14 days - CAD\$4590 (Taxes & tips included)

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Sep 16 Toronto to Rome by direct flight.

Sep 17 Upon arrival in the Eternal City, panoramic tour of **Rome** including famous landmarks: the Colosseum, Forum Romanum, and the Trevi Fountain. We also stop at the place of St. Paul's final Roman imprisonment in the Mamertine Prison. Here Paul wrote these words to his protegee, Timothy: "I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith". Mass. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Sep 18 This morning we are transferred to St. Peter's Square for an audience with the Holy Father. In the afternoon - with visit to St Paul Outside the Walls Basilica, rising on the legendary burial place of St Paul Apostle, The Basilica, rebuilt after the fire on 1823, is the second largest Church after St. Peter at the Vatican. Here, under the major altar, there's the tomb of St Paul Apostles and for this reason this Basilica has been a pilgrimage destination. Mass. Next we'll visit the Three Fountain Abbey raised on the spot where St. Paul was beheaded by order of the Emperor Nero. Legend accounts for the three springs (fontane) with the assertion that, when severed from Paul's body, his head bounced and struck the earth in three different places, from which fountains sprang up. These still flow and are located in the sanctuary. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Sep 19 Full day in **Vatican**. We start with visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, world's famous for Michelangelo's paintings of the Last Judgment. Then we walk to St. Peter's Square and have a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, we see St. Mary Major's Basilica, St. John's Lateran Church. Mass. Later afternoon, transfer to Assisi for dinner and overnight.

Sep 20 Morning, tour the city of St. Francis, patron saint of Italy. The town of **Assisi** with its winding medieval streets and sacred shrines has been one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations. We visit the Lower Basilica housing the tomb of St Francis and the Upper Basilica with famous Giotto frescoes, illustrating scenes from St Francis life. We also visit the Basilica of Santa Chiara. In the afternoon visit to Santa Maria Degli Angeli Basilica, where we celebrate a private Mass. Inside the Basilica we can see the Porziuncola, original stone chapel restored and frequently used by St. Francis and Chapel of Transition, small room in which St Francis died on October 3, 1226. Dinner & overnight in Assisi.

Sep 21 From Assisi we travel to Rome, then fly from Rome to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, transfer to the hotel for dinner and in Athens.

Sep 22 After breakfast full day in **Athens**. We will visit: immortal Acropolis with its classical temples, marvel at the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum and the Propylaea. Ascend Mars Hill, where St. Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech. Mass. In the afternoon some free time and dinner in historical district of Plaka. Overnight in Athens.

Sep 23 After breakfast, we will follow the road to Ancient **Corinth** where Apostle Paul lived and preached for two years. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Marketplace, the Bema and the Temples. Mass. Continue to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

Sep 24 After breakfast, we see mystical **Meteora**, where we will visit famous Byzantine monasteries perch precariously on top of rock formations of varied and beautiful shapes. Continue to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Sep 25 Full day in **Thessaloniki**. Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. See the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting at the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire.

Sep 26 In the morning, we visit **Philippi** where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." Acts 16:12-18 Here Paul baptized a certain woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman forum, completely excavated, is from after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison where Paul and Silas were thrown. Continue into the modern port city of **Kavala**, ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot in Europe. Dinner & overnight in Thessaloniki.

Sep 27 Today, we leave Thessaloniki and we travel back to Athens. En route we stop at **Thermopylae**, where a narrow coastal passage existed in antiquity. It derives its name from its hot sulphur springs. The Hot Gates is "the place of hot springs" and in Greek mythology it is the cavernous entrance to Hades". One of the most famous battles in ancient history took place here, in 480 BC, when Leonidas and a band of 300 brave Spartans managed to temporarily halt the invading Persian army of Xerxes. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Sep 28 Discover three beautiful **Greek islands** on this full-day cruise from Athens. Sail to Poros, Hydra and Egina in the Saronic Gulf and enjoy time at each island to stroll, sightsee and shop. Guided excursion to Egina's ancient Temple of Aphaia. Dinner and overnight

Sep 29 Today our tour comes to an end. Transfer to the airport for direct flight back to Toronto.



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- 2 meals daily breakfast and dinner.
- all sightseeing as per itinerary with English speaking guide – all tips in restaurants and hotels.- airport taxes and tips to bus driver and guides, city tax

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